[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

IV

PETITION TO THE COUNCIL.

* Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" As per Standing Order No. 71, I present this petition in connexion with the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act praying for admission of representatives of Adi-Dravidas not only to the Committee but also on the Board of Commissioners constituted under the Act, with a view to protect their interests. As the petition is a short one may I request you, Sir, to kindly ask the Secretary to read it ?"

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member will hand over the petition."

The Secretary then read the abstract of the petition to the Council.

V

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR 1926-27.

Grant IX—General Administration.

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" Mr. President, I beg to move

'*that the Government be granted an additional sum of Rs.* 3,100 *under " Grant IX–General Administration—Legislative Bodies—Reserved " for providing funds for the House Committee of the Madras Legislative Council during* 1926–27.'

* The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " I second it."

The motion was put to the House and carried and the grant was made.

* The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I beg to move

'*that the Government be granted an additional sum of Rs.* 1,53,400 *under " Grant IX—22. R.B. (b) General Administration—Legislative Bodies—Elections for Indian and Provincial Legislatures ".*' "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " I second it."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Surely, Sir, when the Government come in for additional grants, it is up to them to tell us a little more about the necessity for such additional grants, the items on which they propose to spend this money and why it was not foreseen at the time of the budget."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Is there no explanatory memorandum ? "

* The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :—" Attention is invited to paragraph 2 of the explanatory memorandum circulated in connexion with this grant. It is purely a formal motion. The Accountant-General states that the minor head ' Elections—Indian and Provincial Legislatures ' is intended to exhibit all charges on account of elections and that all the items referred to in the explanatory memorandum should be recorded under that head. Therefore it is necessary to obtain the vote of the House for this purpose. This is purely a formal matter and it is explained in paragraph 2 of the memorandum."

Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU :—" May I request the hon. the Finance Member to let us know what was the amount sanctioned last time for this purpose ? I hope he will let us have some explanation."